

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AARON C. KREIFELS,

Defendant.

4:15-CR-3075

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([filing 120](#)), seeking forfeiture of \$18,880 in United States currency seized from the defendant. Count II of the superseding indictment in this case ([filing 79](#)) charged the defendant with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, in violation of [21 U.S.C. § 841](#). The indictment contained a forfeiture allegation seeking the forfeiture, pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853](#), of more than \$18,000 in United States currency, on the basis that it was used to facilitate the commission of the offense and was derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of committing the offense. [Filing 79](#).

The defendant has pled guilty to the crime alleged, and has not objected to the plaintiff's motion. Accordingly, the defendant has forfeited his interest in the property, and the plaintiff should be entitled to possession of the property pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853](#). Therefore, the plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is granted.

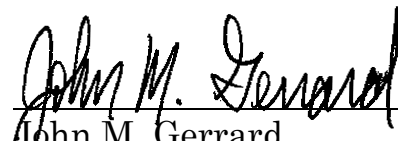
IT IS ORDERED:

1. The plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([filing 120](#)) is granted.
2. Based upon the defendant's guilty plea, the plaintiff is authorized to seize the \$18,880 in United States currency.
3. The defendant's interest in the property is forfeited to the plaintiff for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)\(1\)](#).

4. The property is to be held by the plaintiff in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)\(1\)](#), the plaintiff shall publish for at least 30 consecutive days on an official Internet government forfeiture site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this order, notice of publication evidencing the plaintiff's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the property must file a petition with the Court within 30 days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. Such published notice shall state that the petition referred to in paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and relief sought.
7. The plaintiff may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.
8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of forfeiture pursuant to [21 U.S.C. § 853\(n\)](#), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2016.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
United States District Judge